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Apple Health (Medicaid) extends coverage for a month to give December's annual review clients more time to respond

OLYMPIA – Washington Apple Health says it is extending health care coverage for about 18,000 Medicaid households who were told earlier to complete their renewal by the end of December or face termination of coverage.

The extension will give those clients time to contact the Health Care Authority and confirm that they still want Washington Apple Health coverage.

The Health Care Authority will also be sending letters the first week of January to clients who lost coverage November 30, 2013. The letter will ask clients to contact the Health Care Authority if they want to have their Washington Apple Health coverage reopened.



The new annual review system went into effect on November 1 and may have confused some clients — especially when the online system had to be taken down for repairs in late November and early December.

Next week, the state plans to notify all the affected families by letter, asking them to let the Health Care Authority know whether they want to continue their medical

coverage. Instructions in the letter will let them know how to respond by email, telephone or mail.

The WAHealthplanfinder system is improving each day, and families should see better results. Families can complete their renewals online by going to the web portal (www.WAHealthplanfinder.org), clicking on the “annual review” link, and filling out the review. To complete the renewal online they will need the family’s estimated income.

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